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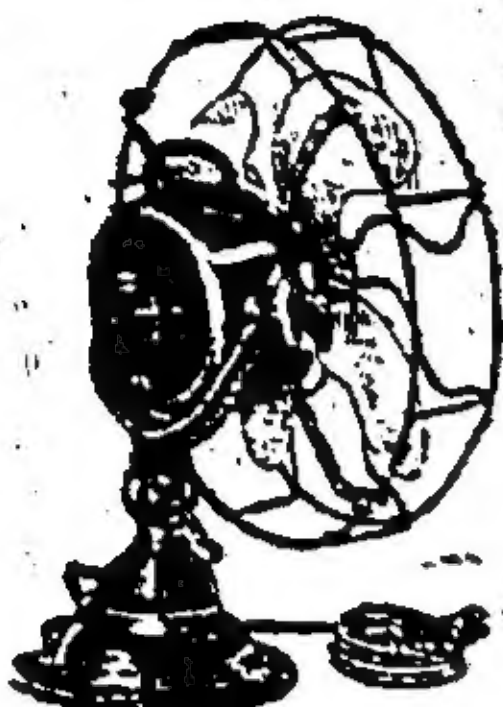
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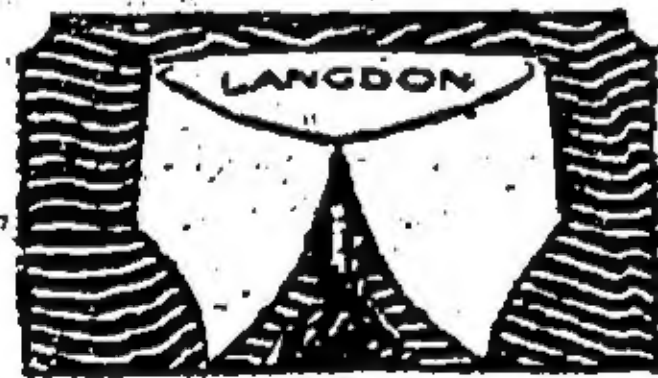
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

CHURCH AND POLITICS.

PREMIER DENOUNCES "MISCHIEVOUS INTERFERENCE"

DUTY TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, June 15.

A strong appeal to the Churches to avoid interference in politics was made by the Premier when addressing a religious gathering at Portmadoc. He said that great controversies of the immediate future would rage round the question of relations between capital and labour and if the debate on this question were introduced into the churches they inevitably divide and destroy the churches for the greater purposes for which they ought to exist. He referred to a recent conference of highly-placed divines which expressed an opinion with regard to the best method of settling the coal dispute as an example of mischievous interference by a religious organisation in the task of government. The Irish question also was not a fitting subject for debate at religious conferences.

SPIRIT OF NATIONAL HATRED.

There was a danger that unless something more was done to instruct opinion in civilised countries the League of Nations might become the breeding ground of intrigues and feuds. Parties and groups might be formed and one day when the majority went one way and force another it might be found that the discussions of the League only led to the greatest conflict yet witnessed. He was filled with disappointment when he saw that in spite of the lesson of the war the spirit of national hatred and national greed, and the worst form of national pride was as dominant as ever, not only in countries where they were great before the war but even worse in the liberated nations amongst whom he did not see any sign of anxiety for the intervention of the League of Nations in their disputes or any respect for its decisions. The conscience of a people must be trained so that it would abhor bloodshed as a crime. The churches must create an atmosphere. The same applied to industrial warfare. Surely there must be a less barbarous way of settling industrial disputes than a year of starvation. The churches could inculcate a spirit of goodwill between classes and a greater readiness to consider each others' viewpoint. (Cheers.)

HUNT CUP RESULT

ILLUMINATOR WINS A HEAD.

LONDON, June 15.

The result of the Hunt Cup was as follows—

Illuminator

Glanmerin

Beauregard

Twenty-two ran. A head separated first from second; three lengths second from third.

The betting was Illuminator 50-1, Glanmerin 5-1, and Beauregard 20-1.

A HOLIDAY IN JAVA

EARL OF BEAUCHAMP'S HAPPY MEMORIES.

LONDON, June 15.

The Dutch Novelist Louis Couperus was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Anglo-Batavia Society in London presided over by Mr. Stephen McKenna, the novelist. The Earl of Beauchamp, in the course of a speech, recalled very happy remembrances of a holiday in Java and specially commented on the completeness of the publications of Holland with reference to Java, also the care devoted to ancient monuments in the Dutch Indies which he considered a lesson to Britain and India. He paid a tribute to Dutch success in colonisation which was a bond of union between Britain and Holland.

U. S. LABOUR AND DISARMAMENT

PRESIDENT HARDING URGED TO TAKE INITIATIVE.

DENVER, June 16.

The Congress of the American Federation of Labour passed a resolution urging President Harding to take the initiative to effect world disarmament contemplating with horror the possibility of a race between Britain, Japan and America for naval power similar to the competition before the war between Britain and Germany.

MORE BELFAST RIOTING

ARMOURD CARS RESTORED ORDER

TWO CIVILIANS KILLED.

LONDON, June 14.

There was fresh rioting on the border of the Catholic and Protestant quarters in Belfast last night. A new feature is that gunmen are using sand bag barricades in addition to sniping from roofs. Armoured cars restored order after two civilians had been killed.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA

OFFICIAL BRITISH DELEGATION TO LEAVE SHORTLY.

LONDON, June 15.

In the House of Commons at question-time Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, Director of the Department of Overseas Trade, said that an official delegation would shortly be sent to Russia in accordance with the trade agreement.

DUTCH ARMY

REORGANISATION BILL CONTESTED

THE HAGUE, June 14.

The Second Chamber rejected by 46 votes to 39 the principal clause of the Army Reorganisation Bill containing provision for dividing men of the annual contingent into first line and reserve troops (former) to serve as a field army in case of mobilisation. The War Minister asked the Chamber to adjourn the debate on the Bill.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 5/8

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SPECIAL CABLES.

MISSIONARY DEAD.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, June 15.

The death is announced of Dr. John Hykes, a prominent American missionary for half a century in China.

FRENCH DEFENCE FORCE

MACHINE GUNS ORDERED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, June 15.

Machine guns with shortly arrive from France to equip the local French defence force, including ex-service men and old volunteers which is on the eve of reorganization for safeguard in the event of grave trouble.

NEW PLEASURE PALACE

RESTAURANT AND DANCE HALL

AN EXPENSIVE VENTURE

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, June 15.

Following a prolonged hitch due to Chinese obstruction, there is every prospect early of opening a pleasure palace as successor to the notorious "Wheel." Prominent foreigners are supporting the venture, including the French Consul. The character of enterprise is beyond reproach. It will mainly be a fashionable restaurant with luxurious dance hall and superb appointments. The designers went to Monte Carlo and Buenos Aires to seek inspiration. A similar enterprise has not yet been attempted in the Far East.

ORGAN RECITAL

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme of the Organ Recital to be given this evening in St. John's Cathedral at 8.15 p.m. It is the last of the present series.

1.—Prelude & Fugue in G. Minor. Bach.
2.—The magic harp. J. A. Meale.
3.—Love not the World. Sullivan.
MRS JEAN LEWSON.

4.—Romance. H. Parker.
5.—Reve d'Amour. F. Corbett.
6.—Toccata. Widor.
7.—My harp is on the willow tree. A. Needham.

MISS JEAN LEWSON.

8.—(a) Out of the past. Denman.
(b) Recessional. Fuller.

Before Magistrate Lindsay at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a former accountant of the Kwan Yee Bank of Bonham Strand East, was charged with the embezzlement of \$3,800, the property of the bank, and further, with falsification of accounts. With regard to the latter charge, the defendant was alleged to have made two entries in the books relating to two sums of \$1,200 and \$1,230, respectively, which were represented to have been paid to the Shung Yee firm on different dates. The defendant said that the two sums mentioned in the charge were paid by him to another employee of the bank to pay to the Shung Yee firm, as compensation for breach of contract to buy gold coins. There were no receipts because it was not usual to issue receipts for compensation paid by the bank for failure to carry out an agreement when the price of gold went up. After the managing partner of the Kwan Yee Bank had given evidence in support of Mr. Lee's statement that the defendant had continually put off making out of the balance sheet the hearing of the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MR. HARDING'S ALTERNATIVE.

PLANNING AN ASSOCIATION OF
NATIONS.President Harding's Message to
Congress included the following
principal recommendations:—1. The immediate enactment of
tariff legislation of an emergency
character based on a policy of
protection.2. Measures for the efficient opera-
tion of the railroads at a reduced
cost.

3. The provision of better roads.

4. Measures for the regulation and
encouragement of military and
civil aviation.5. The establishment and main-
tenance of a great United States
merchant marine.6. Measures to show in a practical
manner the gratitude of the country
to ex-service men.7. The readjustment of internal
taxation.8. An orderly and gradual liquida-
tion of the country's war debt.9. A general reduction in the cost
of government.As regarded armaments, the Mes-
sage declared that the Government
was in accord with the wish to
eliminate the heavy burdens of arma-
ments, but would not entirely discard
agencies for the country's defence
until the need to defend it had been
removed. "We are," the President
declared, "ready to co-operate with
other nations, but the merest pru-
dence forbids that we should disarm
alone."Turning to the question of the
League of Nations, the President
said:—"In the existing League, with its
superpowers, this Republic will have
no part. There can be no misinter-
pretation, and there will be no betrayal
of the deliberate expression of the
American people in the recent elec-
tion and settled in our decision.""For ourselves, it is only fair to
say to the world in general and to
our associates in the war in particu-
lar, that the League Covenant can
have no sanction by us. Manifestly,
the highest purpose of the League of
Nations was defeated in linking it
with the Treaty of Peace, and making
it an enforcing agency
of the victors in the war. There
can be no prosperity for the
fundamental purposes sought to be
achieved by any such association as
long as it is the organ of any particular
treaty, or is committed to the attain-
ment of the special aims of any na-
tion or group of nations.""In rejecting the League Coven-
ant and uttering this rejection to our
own people and to the world, we

LIVING BUDDHA

REPORTED DEAD.

RUMOUR IN Peking.

Peking, June 5.—There is a pre-
sistent though unconfirmed report in
Peking to-day that the Living
Buddha, who has been ill for some
time, died in Urga on May 23 and
that the Female Buddha, fearing
news of his death would bring
serious consequences, is keeping
the matter secret. If the report
is true, there may be an im-
mediate change in the Mongolian
situation. Last night the Govern-
ment appointed the Changchia
Hutuktu and Prince Kungsum Norpu
and Nanyentu as a Peace Commission
to visit Mongolia and seek to in-
duce the Mongol tribes and banners
to sever all relations with Baron
Ungern and his Russian force. The
Mongols probably will approve the
appointment of the Changchia
Hutuktu but it is not unlikely that
they will object to the princes. Last
year a number of Mongolian princes
visited Peking but claimed to have
been shabbily treated and entertained
by the Board of Mongolian-Tibetan
Affairs of which Prince Kungsum
Norpu was then the head. Prince
Nanyentu, on the other hand, is re-
garded by the Mongols as a politician
only and he and Prince Kungsum
Norpu are on bad terms.—Shanghai
Times.make no surrender of our hope and
aim for an association to promote
peace, in which we would most
heartily join."Discussing the question of a separ-
ate peace by declaratory resolution,
the message said:—Such a resolu-
tion should undertake to do no
more than declare a State
of peace which all America craves.
It must add no difficulty in
effecting with just reparations that
restoration for which all Europe
yearns, and upon that the world's
recovery must be founded. Neither
former enemy nor ally can mistake
America's position, because our at-
titude as to the responsibility for the
war and the necessity for just repara-
tions already has had formal and
every earnest expression."In preserving our own rights and
contracting our future relationships
the wiser course would seem to be
the acceptance of the confirmation of
our rights and interests, as already
provided under the existing treaty,
assuming, of course, that this can
satisfactorily be accomplished by
such explicit reservations and mod-
ifications as secure our absolute free-
dom from inadvisable commitments
and safeguard all our essential in-
terests."WEEDY YOUTHS AND
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It is a mistake to think that Anemia

is only a girl's complaint. Girls show
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lessness, sick headaches and frequent
sharp pains all attend on it. But
many girls in their teens grow thin,
wasting, and have pimples on the face,
because they have not enough
blood. The anemia boy is just as likely
to become a victim to consumption as the
pale breathless girl, with her headaches
and worn-out look. Let him catch cold
after cold, and he will lose strength
until his health becomes precarious.To prevent this serious disaster to
those of the rising generation, let both
boys and girls be given the new blood
which Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale
people are famous for making. Watch
how soon the appetite returns, and the
languid girl or boy becomes full of
activity and high spirits. Remember
that the boy has to develop too, if he
is to make a strong, hearty man. Give
both of them a fair chance by starting a
course of Dr. Williams' pink pills just
as did Mr. F. W. D'Almeida, of
the Slave Island Post Office, Colombo,
Ceylon, and the results will be just as
satisfactory to you as they were to him."Said Mr. D'Almeida: 'As a result, I
think, of overstudy, my son, Frank,
and my daughter, Amybell, both be-
came very anemic some years ago.
Among their symptoms were lack of
appetite and indigestion, languidness
and sleepiness during the day, yet an
inability to get properly to sleep at night.
Both children were troubled much with
constipation and with bad headaches.
Frequently one or other would have an
attack of dizziness. They kept on losing
weight and became so pale and thin
that I got greatly worried about them.'"It was through reading in a news-
paper that Dr. Williams' pink pills are
a specific for anemia that I was led to
try these pills for my children. Good
results were apparent almost from the
start. The youngsters' appetites returned
soon after they commenced taking
the pills, and they began once again to
enjoy their food without suffering those
dreaded indigestion pains which for-
merly followed meals. They slept better,
were no longer dull and listless during
the day, and the constipation, headaches
and attacks of dizziness became things
of the past.""After they have taken the contents
of a bottle of the pills between them,
Frank and Amybell were completely
cured of all symptoms of anemia, and
the great improvement in their health
became further evident in the renewed
interest they showed in their studies.
In token of my appreciation, and with
the object of helping others suffering
as my son and daughter formerly did,
I take pleasure in giving this testimony."Now is the time to begin Dr. Williams'
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BIRTH.

FIELDER.—At Bournemouth England, on the 10th June, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Fielder, a daughter. (By cable.)

The China Mail.

"TRADE, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1921.

LOCAL CRITICISM.

If ever our Saturday contributor can be induced to write us an "Un-Natural History" of Hongkong, describing the more noticeable fauna, we feel sure he will not omit the Hongkong Criticfish, which is almost as numerous in species as in individuals. The Hongkong papers are often regarded by level-headed visitors as excessively carping in tone, but they are only a pale reflection of the florid chatterboxes who inspire them. They will rise to any bait, these fish. Does a new governor come? They find fault before he has had time to discover which is the most comfortable chair at G. H., and they usually quarrel with him because he is not something else that they would resent far more. A war memorial? They demolish it before it is constructed, or even paid for. The organization of some public meeting or entertainment? Never was such an effort made that did not have holes picked in it. A speech as a letter to the papers has long and happy a life as a worm-dropped into an eel pond. Someone runs a hotel? They yell about him. A telephone service? Maskee! That's different. One guesses that their favorite quotation would be the 35th verse of the 31st chapter of the Book of Job. And that brings us back to our newspaper, apt demonstration of the

but only that he must say something—a clear case of the rich for scribbling, and of sitting down to think what he should write, rather than to write what he thinks. All enterprising editors are anxious to know how their readers value their efforts. If that is true, why write to tell it to an editor? My impression is that most readers will agree you should not put in comic pictures. You have the reputation of the *China Mail* to live up to; you are not a penny novelette. Stick to your own pattern and intellectual high water mark. I hope you are partially converted to my idea; if you decide me I cannot help it. Does he want all the paper to his own taste? We aim to cater for all. The Children's Corner is not for him, nor are the comic pictures. Other pages represent his ten cents worth. Who wants to read a whole paper right through? We never heard of such a man. In the best home papers you get a hodgepodge of politics and football, religion and racecourse notes, gossip and philosophy, fiction and trivialities. Here in Hongkong, with a much more mixed community, we should not have to apologise for making our paper as mixed as we can. While prepared to welcome suggestions at all times, and to act on all that seem to us business like, we must really beg to be spared rambling letters like the one we have quoted from. If you don't care for sweets, try our plives. If you dislike olives, we can recommend our pickles. Pick out what you like, and ignore the rest. You will still have had, we trust, value for your ten cents.

Has it ever occurred to you what a contemptible sum ten cents is? We recommend this thought to the average local critic.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day is the birthday of H. M. King Gustaf V of Sweden.

Mr. RAC North is acting as Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor vice Capt. Warner who left by the s.s. "Colombia" on retirement.

The Chinese girl who attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself in a cell at No. 7, Police Station early yesterday morning died at the Government Civil Hospital last night.

A Chinese woman, aged 42 years, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 23, Hauwong Street, West Point, by Sub-Inspector Wills, suffering from razor cuts in the throat, alleged to have been self-inflicted. The victim's condition is considered serious.

A boatwoman, aged 72 years, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her head received through being knocked down by a tram car in Connaught Road Central, near the Macao wharf yesterday afternoon. Her injuries are not serious and she would be fit for discharge from hospital in a couple of days' time.

A Chinese girl living in a house of ill-fame in Shaukiwan, has reported to the district police that about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, three men were let into the house by a man sleeping on the premises. The intruders produced knives and after driving the other inmates of the house into the kitchen, they entered her cubicle and stole from her a gold mounted rattle bangle and a gold ring valued together at \$36. All four men escaped in the direction of Saiwanho.

A Chinese third engineer of s.s. "Finghing," has reported to the police that about 655 p.m., yesterday, as he came ashore from the ferry boat at Mongkok, he was accosted by four men who demanded \$50 from him. When he refused to comply, the men attacked him, and after giving him a severe thrumping, relieved him of \$15 in money. He attempted to blow a police whistle, but the men snatched it away from him. They also took a bunch of keys which the complainant had attached to the whistle.

Chief Petty Officer Robert Scarle of H.M.S. "Titanic" this morning charged a Chinese before Magistrate Orme with the theft of a tepee. The complainant said that he left the tepee in his office on board the ship later when he found it missing. He went on deck to investigate, and there saw defendant wearing the hat, and apparently about to leave the ship. The defendant said that he took a sack of potatoes on board the ship. Here he had occasion to take off his shoe to knock-down a nail which was hurting his foot. This was lying handy on deck, he put it on. The hat was old and broken, and he thought that it was discarded. He had no intention of taking that hat away. He merely borrowed it to wear while on the deck of the ship. The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

BLACK CONE HOISTED.

SMALL CRAFT ENTER REFUGE.

The No. 6 Typhoon signal—black cone—indicating a cyclone travelling East to West—was hoisted at 10.30 this morning and had not been lowered at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Some of the smaller boats have gone into the refuges at Yau-mai and Causeway Bay, but the large craft and the launches are as busy as usual in the harbour.

The telegrams quoted below have been received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 9 p.m. yesterday—

Typhoon in about 117 deg. Long E. and 18 deg. Lat. N. moving W.

10.20 a.m. to-day.
115 deg. Long E. 19 deg. Lat. N. moving W.N.W.

TOBACCO DUTY.

CIGARETTES AS JOSS STICKS.

ATTEMPTED SMUGGLING FAILS.

Acting on information received, Chief Preventive Officer Watt and some revenue officers yesterday boarded the s.s. "Chuenchow" on her arrival from Macao and seized from among the cargo in the hold 90,000 dutiable Turre Castles Magnum cigarettes contained in five cases, shipped as joss sticks. Detectives were left on board to wait for the consignees to take delivery of the cargo, but apparently they received warning as they made no appearance. Before 5 p.m., when the vessel was to leave on her return trip to Macao, the cigarettes were landed and removed to the Import and Export Office.

This morning when the s.s. "Sunning" was searched on arrival from Canton, 8,500 dutiable cigars were seized from among her cargo. In this instance also, the smugglers were not discovered. The cigars were confiscated.

WEST POINT FIRE

HOUSE COMPLETELY GUTTED.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

At 1 a.m. to-day, a fire broke out on the ground floor of No. 6, Koshing Street, West Point, occupied by the Kwong Hing Cheung medicine shop. Helped by the strong wind, the flames spread rapidly to the other two floors, which were soon well ablaze. The fire brigade was early on the scene, but the flames had taken such a strong hold of the building that their efforts were of no avail, and all three floors were completely gutted.

The brigade had to work strenuously to prevent the flames from spreading to the neighbouring houses. It took two hours to extinguish the smouldering debris. The Kwong Hing Cheung firm suffered damage to the extent of \$10,000, which is covered by the Sun Insurance Co., for \$5,600 and the Chun On Insurance Co., for \$4,500. The damage done by the Kwong Seng shark fin firm, has not yet been ascertained. The top floor was used as a dwelling. All the inmates managed to escape, but lost their property. The outbreak is believed to have originated through the overheating of a stove used for drying herbs on the ground floor.

MOTOR VEHICLES.

STREETS WHERE THEY MAY BE LEFT UNATTENDED.

According to an advertisement in this issue, motor vehicles may be left unattended in the following streets and places in Kowloon named by the Captain Superintendent of Police:

- (1) Middle Road on the South Side.
- (2) Mody Road on the North Side between Nathan Road and Cornwall Avenue.
- (3) Cromwell Avenue on the West Side.
- (4) Salisbury Avenue.
- (5) Hingpong Road on the North Side.
- (6) Austin Road outside the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The list of places where motor vehicles may be left unattended in Hongkong follows—

City Hall Square, when an entertainment is in progress.
Queen's Statue Square.
Pedder Street (east side) from Hongkong Hotel to entrance of Queen's Road, after 5 p.m.

Pedder Street (west side) opposite Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. premises, after 5 p.m.

Duddell Street, between Des Vaux Road Central, and Connaught Road Central, after 5 p.m.

Charter Road, after 6 p.m.

Jackson Road (east side) between Law Courts and Cricket ground, after 6 p.m.

Connaught Road Central, Harbour side, east of Star Ferry Wharf.

WAR MEMORIAL.

HONOURING THE FALLEN.

MESSRS. JARDINE MATHESON & CO'S WAR MEMORIAL.

The various pieces of the marble pedestal of a war memorial designed by Sir Ambrose Poynter and sculptured by Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, R.A., for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., have arrived here and are now in the vestibule of the firm's office together with the marble tablets bearing the names of those members of the staff who fell during the war. Mr. Bernard, the General Manager informed a *China Mail* reporter this afternoon that the top portion of the memorial, a female figure draped in a flowing robe and wearing a breastplate, would not arrive here until somewhere about October. The memorial was ordered about two years ago. It is thought at present that it will be erected in the vestibule of the Head Office.

The following description has been given of a model of the memorial exhibited at Burlington House, London—

The head carries a laurel wreath; the left hand rests on the hilt of a sword which has the point resting on the ground, whilst the right hand grasps a spring which is held aloft. On the front of the base of the pedestal is the traditional laurel wreath, whilst on either side are sheaves of corn sprayed to left and right and tied with ribbons in the centre.

One side of the pedestal bears the following inscription—"This statue is erected by Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited in honour of those members of their staff who fell in the Great War 1914-1918."

The memorial bears the following names:—
R.G. Munro, M.C., Capt. 218th London Regiment (London Irish Rifles). Died of wounds in France, 19th September 1916.

C. H. C. Symons 2/Lt. 8th. Bn. The Royal Fusiliers. Killed in France, 20th November 1917.

E. C. Symons, Lt. 98th. Bde. Machine Gun Corps. Died of wounds in France, September 1, 1916.

J. E. Villieu, Sous-Lieutenant 8th Regt. of Chasseurs (Dismounted). Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. Killed in France.

J. H. Bone, 2/Lt. 6th Bn. East Surrey Regt. Killed in France, July 22, 1916.

C. C. F. Cunningham, Capt. 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Hds. Died of wounds in France 19th August 1916.

W. Davidson L/Cpl. 1/14th. London Regt. (London Scottish). Killed in France, 15th June 1915.

C. E. Dunstan, Signaller D. Battery 113th Brigade R.F.A. Killed in France, 1st October 1918.

J. E. Gresson 2/Lt. 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regt. Killed in France, 24th May, 1915.

WHAT IS PERJURY?

INTERESTING LEGAL POINT.

AN OLD BAILEY PROBLEM.

An interesting point of law was raised by Mr. Curtis Bennett, K.C., at the Old Bailey in a case in which a woman was prosecuted for alleged perjury in the Divorce Court, the perjury being by giving an address at Highgate when she was in fact living at Esher.

Counsel submitted that there was no evidence to go to the jury, because the prosecution had only shown that she was living at Esher part of the week, and had not proved that she was not living at the Highgate address during the rest of the time. He suggested that a man with a town and country address could not be prosecuted successfully if it were only proved that he had a country address.

Mr. Justice Darling overruled the objection, and remarked that if a man with a town and country house petitioned in the Divorce Court he should be very careful to give both addresses.

Counsel submitted that the question of address was not material to the issue before the Divorce Court, and, therefore, the answer to it was not perjury.

Mr. Justice Darling: Your contention is that persons may give an address in the Divorce Court when they do not even know anything about the place.

Counsel: I agree it sounds ridiculous, but, in my submission, it is the law at the moment.

Mr. Justice Darling: Although it may induce the Judge to give a decision in your favour, which he would not otherwise do.

Counsel: The giving of an address does not alter the identity.

Mr. Justice Darling held that the giving of an address was material to the issue then being tried. It was purely a matter of law, and could be settled by the Court of Criminal Appeal.

SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.

DIARRHOEA is always more or less prevalent during this weather. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

LIMITATION OF DEBTS.

INTERESTING LEGAL ARGUMENT.

WHAT CONSTITUTES PART PAYMENT?

Laws passed in the reign of James the first were quoted by counsel who took part in an interesting legal argument before the Pinner Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) in the Summary Court to-day.

The action which gave rise to the discussion was a claim by the Kat Cheung firm for the recovery from Leung Man Cook and Wan Shan of sums of \$143.32 and \$677.36 respectively, being balance due for goods sold and money advanced by the firm to the defendants.

Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared to support the claim and each of the defendants was represented by Mr. W. B. Hind.

The facts of the case, as agreed between counsel in the course of preliminary argument, were that the defendants were in the employment of the plaintiff firm for a period exceeding six years down to the last Chinese year when the business was closed. Under their service they became entitled to wages and commission. They received neither but amounts were credited to them by the firm in its accounts. The defendants received goods sold and advance of money from the firm and these amounts were debited against them. A balance was struck at the end of the Chinese year and was for some years against the defendants. The plaintiff claimed the final balance against each defendant. Liability was disputed by the defendants in respect of those items which were more than three years old.

In the course of his argument Mr. Hind referred to his Honour the Limitation Act of 1823 which set out that all action for debt must be brought within six years after the cause of action. The Act constituted a total prohibition but a decision given in a case in 1827 laid it down that a verbal acknowledgment of a debt was sufficient to keep the debt alive—provided that the verbal acknowledgment amounted to a promise to pay. In England the plaintiff in the present case would have been limited to a period of six years but the 1873 Ordinance here provided that all actions must be commenced within three years.

His Honour said that there was no doubt that the practice of the Court in the past had been to hold a verbal acknowledgment valid.

Mr. Hind was proceeding to urge that the Ordinance was not sufficiently clear and explicit to over-rule the older law when Mr. Vaux interposed that he was not claiming a verbal acknowledgment but part payment. It was an established principle, he contended, that part payment constituted acknowledgment of a debt and a promise to pay.

Mr. Hind replied that on the facts disclosed in the present case there was no part payment. A part payment must be an act performed by the defendants not a credit accruing to them.

Evidence was then given by the managing partner of the plaintiff firm and by each of the defendants. The former said that at the end of each year the balances were shown to the defendants in order to make sure that there should be no dispute regarding them. The defendants denied that they agreed as to the correctness of the balances but His Honour said that he disbelieved their evidence on this point.

The question to be decided, His Honour said, was as to whether neglect to collect the wages due constituted payment on the part of the defendants.

Mr. Vaux urged that when a balance was struck disclosing an overpayment a man had in equity, been paid his wages. The debt was due and it was only a question as to whether the defendants could avoid payment under the Statutes.

Mr. Hind quoted cases in support of his contention that the defendants were not liable and His Honour said he would go into the question and deliver judgment at a later date.

Mr. J. H. McGeagan is at present in the Royal Naval Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

The C.P.O.S.E.M.S. "Empress of Russia," is now expected to arrive here at daylight on Saturday, June 18, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

The *Canton Times* says, "One field gun was found on board the s.s. 'Tai Ming' on the Hongkong-Wuchow service while the steamer was near Samshin. The different parts of the gun were taken apart, and hidden, but after a search of about one hour all the parts were found and taken ashore. The gun is said to have been sent to Canton and an investigation will be conducted to discover the conspirator and the consignor who undoubtedly are working in the interest of the Kwangsi militarists."

SPORT.

GARRISON CRICKET.

R. E. WIN TROPHY.

The Garrison Cricket League was concluded yesterday afternoon when the Royal Engineers won the trophy by defeating "D" Coy Wiltshires by 23 runs in a very interesting final match. Bating first, the Engineers compiled 113 runs, of which the highest score was a prettily compiled 73 by Staff Sergeant Redpath, who played a very steady game. The only other double figure was 12 by Corpl. Spary. There were three "dicks" in the innings. The Infantrymen gave their opponents a very close game, but the Engineers' bowlers gave them no chances, and when the whole side was got out, they had 90 runs to their credit. The highest contributors were Lieut. McDonnell 18, L.C. Pearson 14, Lieut. Denne 24, and Mr. "Extras" 10.

The scores follow—

ROYAL ENGINEERS.	
L. Cpl. Jacobson, b Purton	0
S. S. Redpath, c Pritchard, b Amor	73
C. Spn. Pearson, c Pritchard, b McDonnell	5
Lieut. Hammond, b Purton	0
L. Cpl. Hayward, b McDonnell	0
Spr. Estofe, c Hardy b McDonnell	1
S. S. Middleton, run out	3
L. Cpl. Hallam, c Pritchard, b Purton	6
Corpl. Spary, b Purton	12
Corpl. Townsend, not out	8
Spr. Cleaver, c Trivett b Purton	5
Total	113

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Purton	14	1	45	5
McDonnell	11	0	52	3
Amor	3	1	16	1

D. COY. WILTSHIRES.

Cpt. Betts, c Townsend b Pearson	5
Maj. Timmis, b Pearson	9
Lieut. McDonnell, l.h.w. Townsend	18
Sgt. Holdman, c and b Pearson	0
L. Cpl. Pearson, b Lieut. Hammond	14
Lieut. Denne, b Pearson	24
L. Cpl. Trivett, c Hallam b Pearson	4
Sgt. Brewer, run out	1
Lieut. Pritchard, c Hallam b Pearson	4
Pte. Hardy, c Middleton b Pearson	0
L. Cpl. Amor, not out	1
Extras	10
Total	90

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. S. M. Pearson	10	2	25	7
Hammond	9	2	20	1
Townsend	7	0	16	1
Middleton	4	0	10	0
Jacobson	2	0	9	0

WHY?

ARE WINDOWS BROKEN BY EXPLOSIONS?

Those who were in the vicinity of the Long Tom explosion in July 1916, or the explosion of the bomb in Wall Street last year, will recall clearly that the roar which announced the detonation of the explosives was followed almost instantly by a shattering of glass for a considerable distance. The Long Tom explosion, for example, was credited with breaking more than \$100,000 worth of glass in Brooklyn and the lower part of New York City, while the bomb which was directed at the Morgan offices in Wall Street shattered windows more than a mile away.

The reason for this lies in the fact that the force of the explosion sets the air in the immediate vicinity in violent motion, with the effect of a high wind, which, instead of moving in one direction, sweeps out in a constantly widening circle. These air waves moves forward with great force, and, coming in contact with a broad expanse of brittle glass, shatter it just as waves would shatter a flimsy break-water. In spite of the fact that it is thicker than window glass, plate glass presents a broad surface, and is not supported except at the extreme edges, so that an explosion will frequently break a glass of this nature, while the smaller panes just above or below it may remain unharmed.

NEW PACIFIC RECORD.

"EMPRESS OF ASIA" FEAT.

Mr. P. A. Cox, General Agent of Canadian Pacific Ocean Services states that he has received cable advice that his Company's R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," which left Hongkong on May 25 and Yokohama on June 4, arrived at Victoria, B.C. on June 12, steaming from Yokohama in 8 days 19 hours and 6 minutes, the average speed being 19.83 knots, which constitutes a record.

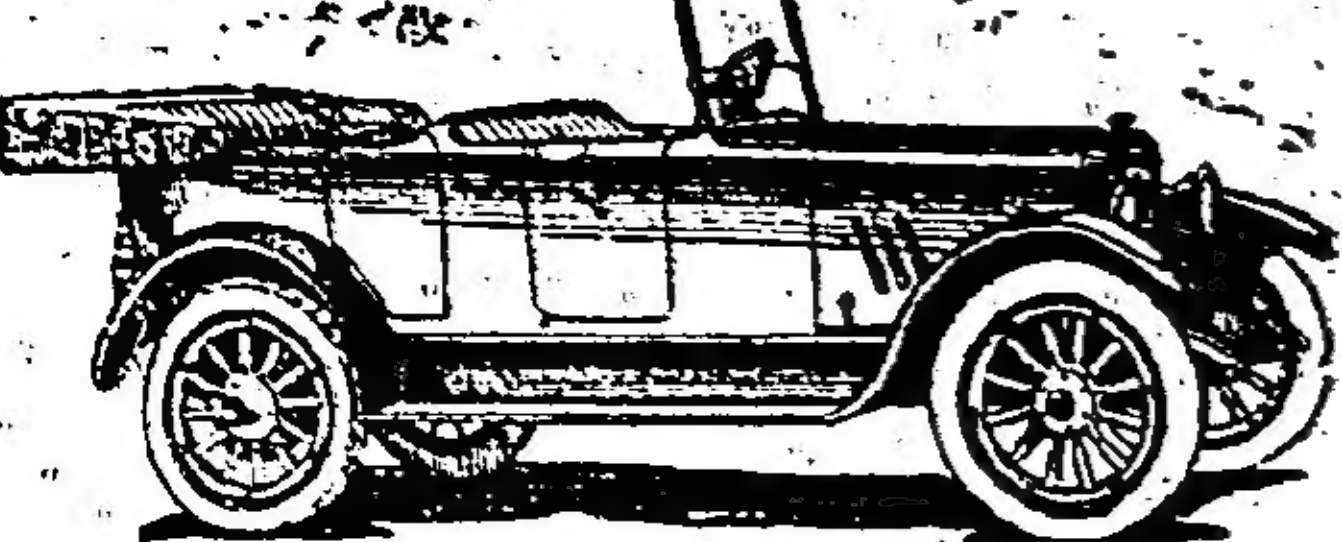
RUSSIAN OPERA CO.

NOT COMING HERE.

The Russian Grand Opera Company will not visit Hongkong as previously advertised.

Two cases of plague (one fatal) and one case of enteric fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday, also one imported case of paratyphoid fever, Indian.

MERCURY MOTOR CAR CO.
53-51 Des Voeux Road Central
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

BONDS OF EMPIRE.

MR. CHURCHILL WELCOMES IMPERIAL VISITORS.

RELATIONS WITH AMERICA.

LONDON, June 16.
A number of imperial visitors were entertained at a banquet by the Empire Development Parliamentary Committee, including Messrs. Smartt, Hughes, Massey, and Sastri. Mr. Winston Churchill in an address of welcome said: "Our hearts go out to our visitors in cordial welcome. When they came last they brought the legions of the British Empire, splendid and powerful armies which held a place unsurpassed in the clash of Armageddon. To-day they have brought no legions but we now know what before the war we only dared to hope, namely that should danger threaten, the representatives of these great Dominions will come in with their valiant legions. We in this old motherland will not be behind them in giving equal measure of support. If attack is threatened against any part of the Empire we shall be found ready to do our duty thoroughly and faithfully."

VIEWS ON IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

"If we keep a firm handgrip locked during war we are bound to become a unit in the world so powerful as to be safe and become a power second to no combination men, and be capable of dealing with our cousins and brothers in the United States on terms of equal friendship that would make a super-unit which would secure the safety of all speaking the English tongue, and there would be a halcyon period of security, prosperity, and glory which no other combination in the world would dare to interrupt or molest." Loud and prolonged applause greeted Mr. Churchill's statement: "As regards Imperial preference I have changed my views."

INDIA'S PLACE IN THE EMPIRE.

DEMAND FOR EQUAL RIGHTS IN THE COLONIES.

JAPAN ALLIANCE OBJECTION.

LONDON, June 15.
Maharao Cutch representing the Indian Princes on the Imperial Cabinet, interviewed by Reuter said that India's definite programme depended on the Agenda. If however there was any idea of not taking up questions in which India was specially interested they would expect Mr. Montagu to take a firm stand and press for proper consideration of these questions. The main question was the position of Indians in the Colonies and dominions. After India's war record it was impossible to understand why there should be any differential treatment of Indians. Representatives of India in London were united on this matter and they were fully supported by the Indian Government. "We will be grievously disappointed if the conference does not result in something definite in this respect. We are also interested in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and think India should be able to defend herself either alone or with the aid of Imperial troops. The question of tariffs affecting India also very important." He concluded that he saw no reason for pessimism in India, particularly as the reforms had given real satisfaction. Moreover the heart of India was as loyal to the Empire as ever.

STRIKE CRISIS OVER.

ENGINEERING EMPLOYERS POSTPONE NOTICES.

MINISTER OF LABOUR INTERVENES.

LONDON, June 14.
The Minister of Labour, Dr. T. J. Macnamara is intervening in the engineering crisis. He meets both sides to-day in an endeavour to avert a stoppage. The employers have agreed to postpone notices until the end of June to enable the unions to take a ballot on the wages proposals.

SEWING MACHINE WORKS CLOSE DOWN.

LONDON, June 15.
Singers' sewing machine works at Clydebank will close down indefinitely on June 24 on account of the coal shortage. This will render 10,000 workers idle.

COTTON DISPUTE NEARING SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, June 16.
The cotton dispute is within sight of settlement following a meeting of a joint conference deciding to recommend an immediate reduction of 3s. 10d. in the pound and a further 7d. at the end of six months.

MINERS' BALLOT RESULTS.

Hitherto the results of the miners' ballot have been—for acceptance, 35,626; and against 101,902. In view of the fact that returns do not include districts like South Yorkshire where a favourable majority is indicated it is probable that the requisite two thirds majority against acceptance will be narrowly averted.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

DIRECT RELATIONS ON OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

WASHINGTON, June 16.
Direct relations between Japan and America have been opened on outstanding questions including the Yap dispute, alien immigration, alien landholding, and the return of Shantung to China.

LATER.
Negotiations are being conducted between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Shidehara. It is stated that settlement of the Yap question will make its consideration by the League unnecessary.

JAPAN ALLIANCE.

OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

LONDON, June 14.
In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Tysoo-Wilson (Labour) asked whether in view of the unemployment in British steps would be taken to prevent anything prejudicial to our trade relations with China being embodied in the Anglo-Japanese Treaty. Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that in reaching a decision on the question of the Anglo-Japanese agreement all relevant considerations would be borne in mind.

A CANADIAN REQUEST.

VANCOUVER, June 16.
Mr. Oliver, Premier of British Columbia has cabled Mr. Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, urging that renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty should preserve for Canada the right to restrict Japanese immigration. In the meantime the court of appeal has decided that the clause in British Government contracts prohibiting the employment of Orientals on public works in connection with mining and timber leases is illegal.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITAIN'S LABOUR TROUBLES.

LONDON, June 16th.
Five and a half million workers will be idle when engineers' proposed a reduction amounting to 2s. a week in the case of time-workers and 71 per cent. in the case of the piece-workers on June 16th. Similar cuts were suggested in July and, then, 121 per cent. in the case of the time-workers and 71 per cent. in the case of the piece-workers in September.

The workers were willing to accept the June and July reductions, but objected to September's.

The cost of the negotiations are not progressing. Only 11d. in the pound now separates the parties. The proprietors refused the suggestion to submit the difference to arbitration.

The first result of the coal ballot is announced. In Allerton, Derbyshire, half the men voted, the results showing 134 in favour of acceptance, and 137 against the acceptance of the owners' proposals.

ADMIRALS SIMS.

LONDON, June 15th.
Admiral Sims has left for the United States.

NEAR EAST POLICY.

LONDON, June 15th.
With the exception of extreme "Anti-Wasters" who urge withdrawal from the Near East regardless of consequences, on the ground that the country is at present unable to bear the burden entailed, Mr. Churchill's statement regarding Near Eastern policy is almost universally welcomed as reconciling the pressing necessity of economy with a respect for our obligations. Hopes are expressed that we may be spared further risings and disorders involving the use of military forces, thereby falsifying Mr. Churchill's anticipations.

It is noted in this connection that the situation in Palestine at present shows little signs of improvement, owing to racial jealousies, and demands all the skill and broadmindedness of British statesmanship before happy conditions are finally established.

NO TRAINS YESTERDAY.

ON KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

ANOTHER STRIKE SETTLED.

A recrudescence of the trouble which occurred recently among the railway employees at Canton resulted in a stoppage of the Kowloon-Canton railway service yesterday. Trains despatched from Kowloon were not permitted to return until late last night but, in answer to a China Mail reporter's inquiry to-day, Mr. Winslow, general manager of the British Section, said that the trouble had been settled and everything was in going order again.

A report has just been received from a traveller in western China, that he has found in Kansu, in the section east of Pingliang, great quantities of poppy being grown. The letter which was sent out of Kansu on May 15, states that the aching Tschun was encouraging the growth of the plant, and in doing so was merely following the example of Chen Shu-fan, Tschun of Shensi, and both of these men were receiving practically all their revenues from the poppy. The fields were off the main road, where the casual passer-by would not notice them; but once one got away from the main road to Pingliang, to the extent of ten li, the opium plant was grown openly and in great quantities.—Canton Times.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET.

TO LET—FLAT in Cambay Building, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Apply to KATAMALLI & CO., 5, D'Almeida Street.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Bidding by Public Auction Sale to be held on MONDAY, 20th day of June, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Area in Acres	Approximate Value	Remarks
1	1.5	£100	For building purposes
2	2.0	£150	For building purposes
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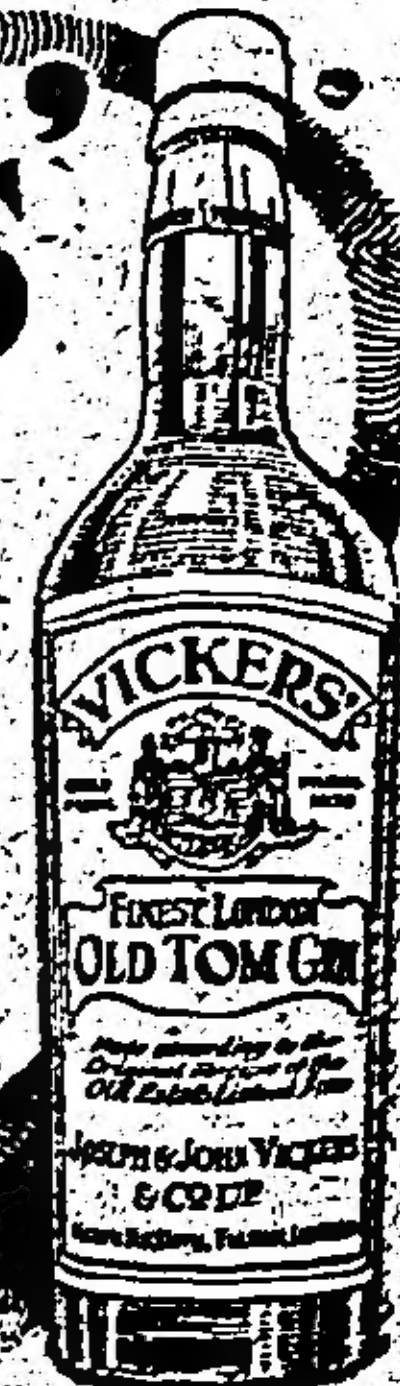
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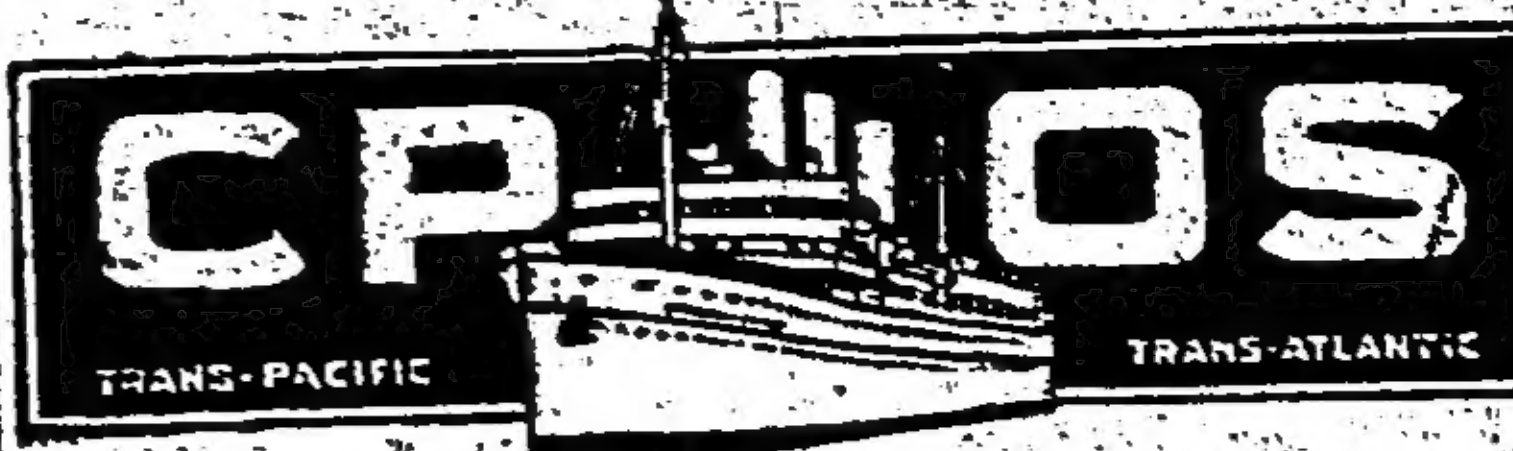
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6 - R. F.	Teles
8 - P. & O.	Dilwara
9 - R. F.	Kuruduma
14 - R. F.	City of Norwich
16 - R. F.	Halvors
22 - R. F.	Agamemnon
29 - R. F.	Ascanius

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June 17 - R. F.	Canta
21 - R. F.	Bellerophon
23 - N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru
24 - R. F.	Eastern
July 5 - R. F.	Tydamara
10 - R. F.	Yokohama
13 - R. F.	Mentor
14 - R. F.	Yangtze
22 - P. & O.	Syria
23 - R. F.	Kanowna
Aug. 5 - P. & O.	Tydamara
13 - R. F.	Tydamara
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FROM MANILA.

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June 18 - R. F.	Takada
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22 - N. Y. K.	Yokohama Maru

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	10-	E. L.	City of B...
	13-	P. & O.	Kashmir
Aug.	1-	P. & O.	Khyber
	15-	P. & O.	Somali
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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW.

PROGRAMME OF UNIFICATION.

A special correspondent writes in a Home paper:

I understand that the International Maritime Committee (whose labours, like those of most international institutions, were interrupted by the war) has taken up again its programme of unification of maritime law. The International Maritime Committee offers the great advantage of confining its labour to maritime law, and has obtained great practical results in the past. It is due to the I.M.C. that the two codes, the first relating to collisions at sea, the second to maritime salvage, have been embodied in all legislations over the world. These positive achievements are chiefly due to the practice always followed by the committee of giving the first place in its meetings and committees to shipowners, merchants, underwriters. Also the Bar and the Bench have been represented on the committee by such men as the late Lord Alvington and Lord Gorell-Barnes in England, Mr. Choate, U.S.A. Mr. A. Beaumont, Belgium, and M. de la Roche, France. The men belonging to the actual navigation trade have been always the leading spirits. The International Maritime Committee had before the war, formed 17 national associations in the principal commercial countries.

The acting president for the time being is Mr. Louis Franck, Minister of Colonies for Belgium, and the hon. general secretary is Mr. Leslie Scott, K.C., M.P., London.

I understand that the matter to be put on the agenda of the next meeting will be in continuation of the work begun before the outbreak of war—(1) Limitation of shipowners' liability, (2) International code of affiliation, (3) negligence clause in bills of lading, with such subjects as were recently dealt with by the International Shipping Committee.

It is clear that the difficulty of arriving at an international agreement on these matters, which are extremely intricate and controversial questions, can only be overcome by the method followed by the International Maritime Committee, which has proved so successful in the past.

I may add that the British Corporation and Associations, who, before the war, were sending delegates to the committee's conferences, are Lloyd's Committee, United Kingdom Shipowners' Association, North of England Steamship Owners' Association, the London Chamber of Commerce, the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, the General Council of the B.C. & C.

The next conference will most probably be held in Brussels this summer.

SHIPPING DEPRESSION.

500 AMERICAN SHIPS IDLE.

Admiral Benson, the president of the United States Shipping Board, it is stated, is asking for an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to meet losses this year.

According to *Fairplay* 536 steel ships owned by the Shipping Board are at present laid up, the sizes being as follows:

5,000 tons deadweight	241.
5,000 tons to 7,000 tons	38.
7,000 tons to 8,000 tons	23.
8,000 tons to 9,000 tons	110.
Over 9,000 tons	90.

In addition there are 26 tank steamers, 6 cattle boats and 2 refrigerated vessels lying idle.

Since it costs anything up to \$80 a day to lay up ships in the United States, it can be perfectly understood how heavy deficiencies will have to be met by the American taxpayer. In fact, it is thought in some quarters that a sum nearer \$10,000,000 will be needed to meet the losses entailed by Government participation in the shipping business.

All the maritime nations are showing a similar laying up of tonnage, as a symptom of the general shipping depression. The losses entailed, in this country for instance, are borne by the private shipowner as an offset to the profits made during more prosperous years. In the case of a nationalised Mercantile Marine the burden falls on the State; that is to say, on the taxpayer.

FAR EASTERN SHIPPING.

A JAPANESE REVIEW.

The Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce has issued a statement regarding the conditions of various steamship lines, of which the following is a condensed translation: Although the exchange rates on Japan have declined and the freight rates on special commodities have been lowered the European line with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, on the subsidised American, European, and Dairen runs, although it manages to outdistance the N.Y.K. on the Java run, the Kobe Yashiki learns that, considering that circumstances do not permit of its continuing the present state of affairs, the O.S.K. has, after detailed consideration, decided to open a line between Kobe and Calcutta, via Moji, Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, and Rangoon, which line now obtains more shipments than other runs, and the freight rates on which are comparatively favourable. The staple exports from Kobe are matches, cotton yarn, piece goods, and so forth. The Calcutta run, states the Kobe Yashiki, is controlled by a conference of the N.Y.K., S.N. Co., and Indo-China S.N. Co., but in these depressed days the three companies are inclined to compete for shipments at lower rates than the Conference scale. The invasion of the O.S.K. will no doubt produce not a little effect upon the present monopolists. The N.Y.K. handled 70 per cent of last year's shipments for Calcutta, and the blow it will suffer through the intrusion of the O.S.K. is needless to say, incomparably greater than that to the two others. The spy scheme of the O.S.K. has not so far matured, but if it is decided to consummate it and there is an inclination to compete with the others, the challenged party will have no alternative left but to induce shippers by virtue of the rebate system or to admit its new competitor into the Conference on special terms.

The entry of another subsidised line on a run where there is already hardly sufficient cargo suggests a good deal more than is set forth by the Yashiki Nippon.

GENERAL NOTES.

At the meeting of the Southampton Harbour Board it was stated that the income for the past year had been a record, and £20,000 would be spent on improvements.

A proposal by the shipowners to reduce wages in the catering department by 22 1/2% in monthly boats and 25% in weekly boats, was discussed by the catering panel of the National Maritime Board in London and failing agreement the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. C. E. Harvey, chairman of the Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau of Kobe, who was elected in January last, has tendered his resignation and will leave for home shortly. The new chairman will be elected at the next meeting of the Bureau, which will be held on June 8.

An order has been placed by the Japanese Naval authorities with a shipbuilding yard in New York for an oil ship (or oil-ships) with a displacement of 20,000 tons. The Naval authorities admit that negotiations have been progressing with America for oil-ships aggregating some 20,000 tons. They have at present no official statement ready as to whether the negotiations have ended successfully.

A bid for Atlantic passenger traffic is being made by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. Atlantic shipping companies agreed to a 10 per cent increase on passenger rates, to date from May 1. Fares to the United States by the R.M.S.P. Company now cost—1st class (minimum) from Southampton to New York, £56 7s. 6d.; second class, £30; third class, £18 15s.; by the Cunard Line, £68 5s., £30, and £19.

The White Star Line twin-screw steamer "Doric," 16,500 tons, now being constructed by Harland and Wolff, Belfast, for the company's Liverpool and Canada service, is already framed and partially plated. When this vessel is in commission, she should prove one of the finest navigating on the St. Lawrence. Propelled by geared turbines, "Doric" will carry 600 cabin and 1,700

NERVE ADVENTURE.

CLIFF FACE RESCUES.

MAN AND WOMAN HANGING ON TO IVY ROOT.

A man who was hanging by his hands to the ledge of a cliff 300 feet up and his sister who was supporting him, were rescued at Lynmouth, Devon. Their plight was seen by the lighthouse-keeper, who summoned coast-guards. One of the party climbed up and fastened a rope to the man and woman, who were then hauled to the top of the cliff.

Describing their escape the woman said: "We thought the cliff path looked easy and would save us the journey back over the rough beach. My brother reached the ledge of a rock, which gave way. He clung with hands to a ivy root. I was beneath him and held my hands up to support him. We shouted and I waved a handkerchief, but despair of help. Both of us were afraid he would lose his hold and fall and drag me down with him. He said: 'I shall only break my leg,' but I knew better—that he would be dashed to pieces."

"My brother frequently said: 'I can only last ten minutes more,' and then help came."

third-class passengers, and the accommodation for both classes will be of a very superior character.

In connection with the proposed grandiose shipping amalgamation, to which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is opposed, a statement has been published by Mr. Tachikawa, a large shareholder of the company, and his adherents. Their point is that it is improper for the directorate willfully to express its opinion against the proposal, without obtaining an expression of view from the shareholders, so as to be able to speak responsibly in the name of the company.

A Shanghai paper understands that the "Harima Maru" formerly the "Borneo" and owned by the Shinsen Kisen Kaishaiki, Kaisha has been sold to the Spain and China Navigation Co. the disposal price being £35,000. She is a steel screw steamer of 4720 gross tons, built by Palmer's of Jarrow. She sailed recently from Hongkong for Cuban ports with 4000 tons of cargo and 1200 steerage passengers. She has accommodation for 18 first-class passengers also.

Shipbuilding yards in Japan manage to continue business operations, by contracting for war shipments in accordance with the eight-and-eight squadron programme. They are also engaged in repairs, besides which they turn themselves to the manufacture of the machinery necessary for hydro-electric work, etc. Shipbuilding yards can at present hardly pay with construction of vessels at anything under £200 per ton, against which the general quotation is only between £90 and £100. Up to the present time from the beginning of this year, launches stood at 150,000 tons or thereabouts, but in the second half of the year, they are expected to decrease rapidly. There is a belief that this year's aggregate will be some 250,000 tons against last year's figure of 450,000 tons.

The South Sea Freight Conference is now contemplating a rise in the rates of shipments. It is supposed that an increase of some 20 per cent will be effected. The *Mainichi* says: The Northern Branch of the Pacific Freight Union, (including the Nippon Yusen, Osaka Shosen, Toyo Kisen, the Admiral Line, Frank Waterhouse & Co., Steamers & Dixon, and the Pacific Mail Co., and the Canadian Pacific O.S. Ltd.) find Messrs Butterfield & Swire, who do not belong to the conference, a disturbing element in their co-operative endeavour to keep up freights. Messrs Butterfield & Swire are busily engaged in the collection of cargo to be conveyed by the "Teucer," leaving Kobe for the United States and Canada on June 2 next. The available cargo consists largely of matting, and the Conference has lowered its rate on this particular line from 75 sen per 100 pounds to 50 sen until the departure of the "Teucer."

CHINA AVIATION.

AERIAL MAILS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION.

A really extraordinary situation has arisen in connection with the proposal to establish a mail and commercial aeroplane service between Peking and Shanghai. The machines are ready, the pilots are available, the routes have been surveyed, and it was intended to start the service during the early part of this summer. The Chinese Government has authorised the experiment, and issued instructions that the necessary preparations are to be made. It was intended to make Tientsin the first stopping place on the journey. But the enlightened Civil Governor of this Province, for some undisclosed reason, has absolutely declined to assist the officials deputed by the Central Government in their task of securing and laying out a suitable site for an aerodrome and landing ground. Consequently, if the project of an aerial mail between the Capital and Shanghai is not wholly abandoned, it will be necessary to eliminate Tientsin from the places of call, and make Tientsin the first stopping place. There are, we understand, numerous suitable spots for an aerodrome in the vicinity of Tientsin, but none of them can be secured without the assistance of the Civil Governor, which is deliberately withheld.

Whether an aerial mail between Peking and Shanghai would be a paying proposition remains to be seen. Certain it is that the financial success of the experiment would depend to a very large extent upon the support received from Tientsin. There would probably be larger letter and parcels mail from here to Shanghai, than from Peking. And it seems preposterous that a Provincial official, nominally subordinate to the Central Government, should have it in his power to carry unreasoning opposition to the extent of depriving Tientsin of whatever benefit may accrue from a faster mail service to the South. The Civil Governor's military brother has, as is generally known, stolen several British aeroplanes imported by the Chinese Government under a definite pledge that they would be used solely for commercial purposes. The Civil Governor himself seems determined to prevent the remaining British aeroplanes from being put to the use for which they were intended. He is reported to entertain serious objections to aeroplane visits to this city, and to be determined to use every means in his power to prevent the establishment of an aerodrome in Tientsin. What is behind this opposition can only be surmised. It has been suggested that for some weird reason he fears that the establishment of an aerial centre here will be a menace to his authority. It would surely, as a matter of fact, have the contrary effect. For the aerodrome would be within his jurisdiction, and it would be a simple matter to prevent its use for any but peaceful purposes.

The obstruction of a single Provincial official will not, of course, prevent an attempt being made to open long-distance mail services by aeroplane in China, especially in those Provinces which suffer from lack of railway facilities. The route between Peking and Sianfu, the capital of Shensi, has recently been reconnoitred, and the results indicate that there would be every prospect of making an aerial service between that city and Peking a really paying venture. It is to be hoped that the Central Government will not encounter petty obstruction, similar to that experienced in Tientsin, if the project of an air line to Sianfu is seriously taken up. The saving of time by the transport of mails between Peking and other important centres, and cities beyond the reach of railways, would, of course, be enormous. If aerial mail services, however, are to be developed on a really comprehensive scale, Hankow would seem to be the most suitable centre. It is no further from Hankow to Canton than from Peking to Sianfu. The distance from Hankow to Chengtu is only a little greater. The day may yet come when Hankow, as the most central of China's big cities, will be connected by air-lines with: Peking, Sian and Lanchow; Chungking and Chengtu; Changsha, Kweilin and Nanning; Canton, Foochow, and Shanghai. *P. & T. Times.*

ANGLICAN CHURCH.

GENERAL SYNOD.

PRELIMINARY REPORT.

The Bishop of Victoria forwards us a copy of the preliminary report of the action of the fourth meeting of the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui held at Wu-chang from April 17 to 25, from which we note that the next meeting of the General Synod will be held in the Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong on the third Sunday after Easter, May 11, 1924. Resolutions were passed paving the way for negotiations towards unity, as opportunity might offer, with other churches in China; giving authority for alterations to the Canons to making clearly permissible the admission of women to the General Synod; delegating to the Standing Committee, on the Prayer Book task, in consultation with the Diocesan Bishops, of enriching the Book of Common Prayer and adapting it to present conditions and Chinese ideals; appointing a Bishop-Designate in Shantung to take Episcopal oversight of the Chinese congregations in Japan, instructing the Synod Standing Committee to consult with the Bishops most nearly concerned and to continue its correspondence with the English-speaking congregations in China and Hongkong on the subject of their relationship to the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui; and referring the matter of Government inspection of Church schools to the Advisory Council of the Christian Educational Association of China with a request that it be taken up at its forthcoming meeting in Shanghai with a view to presenting the subject to the National Christian Conference of 1922.

SUPERSTITIONS.

HORSEHAIRS.

It is a rather common practice for country boys to place a horsehair in water with the belief that it will turn into a snake. A few years ago this superstition was very prevalent—perhaps it is as common now—and though no boy ever saw the expected transformation you could not convince the young necromancer that it was not able to take place.

It is a curious fact that some superstitions engendered in the mind of primitive man, and brought over from his day, are continued through adult life in the "persisting primitive" in modern man; while others of like origin prevail only during childhood and are dropped as the "repressions" of advancing years cause the mind to become less distinctly and generally in harmony with that of the cave-dweller.

The horsehair superstition is one of the latter sort. In it the child exhibits a strong atavism. Our aboriginal ancestors were firm believers in the power of the hair to retain some sort of life after its severance from the body, and also in the reproductive power of water which was yearly exhibited before their very eyes when the rain made the crops grow. The combination of a hair and water ought, naturally, to produce some form of life. This is the atavism which the child has, but which is unconscious of possession. The child's mind is, in essentials the primitive mind, and the child conducts the rest of his experiment just as his skin-slack ancestor would have done had the idea occurred to him to try it. Perhaps the skin-slack ancestor did try it—who knows? A coarse horsehair suggests a small snake. Therefore the horsehair placed in the reproductive element of water will become a snake—a cave-man's Q.E.D.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

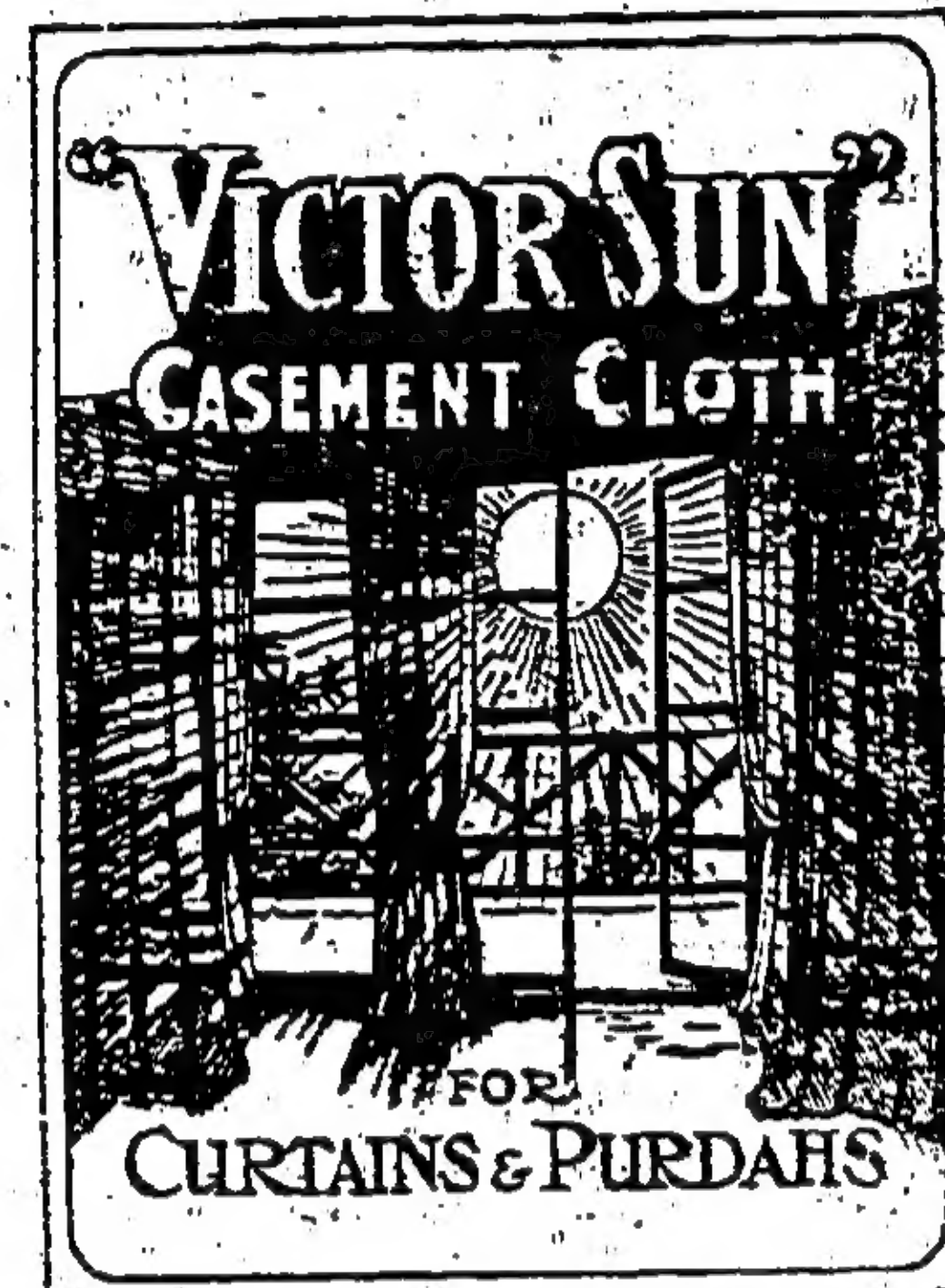
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"PUSSYFOOT" IN INDIA.

AN ELABORATE CAMPAIGN.

PICTURESQUE STORIES.

London, May 18.—Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson is paving the way for an elaborate campaign in India during August and September by despatching large batches of prohibitionist literature to India. He believes that the Indian electorate only need to be told of the happy situation in the United States under prohibition to induce them to influence the Legislative Councils to bring about prohibition. He bases his hopes of success on the fact that temperance is a strong article of faith with Mahomedans and Hindus. He will address over 100 meetings in the course of his tour of India.

Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson returned to England on April 25. He is in a more conciliatory and subdued spirit than he displayed on his last visit.

Before landing from the White Star liner "Cedric" which arrived in the Mersey, he desired the Press reporter to impress the public that he did not contemplate a campaign

against a nation which he now believed objected to it.

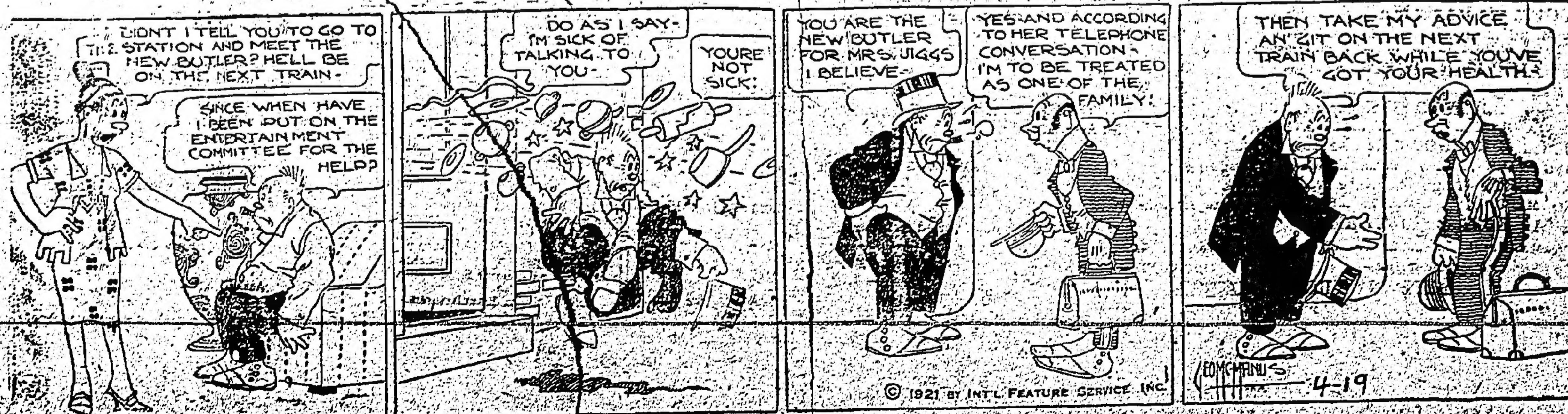
"I do not come on a hostile mission. I am not going to follow any citizen down the street or bite him in the leg. Nor am I going to break anybody's window. I have come to spend a good time with my friends and to enjoy myself all I can before I go to the Continent and India," he said.

"With Dr. Russell, who is the president of the World League against alcohol, I shall content myself with a few addresses at ecclesiastical May month meetings in London. I don't feel I am ordained as a prophet, neither have I the desire to make this country dry at the moment. But it is not up to me to get off the earth until England is dry."

"It will come in my lifetime. I have faith in the British people and as they are studying the question they will come out all right. Some of your best men tell me the country will be dry in ten years. I leave it to you."

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LABEL DAMAGES.

MISS GLADYS COOPER'S
HUSBAND.

JUDGES COMMENTS.

"EGOTISM AND WASTE OF TIME."

Strong comments were made by the Lord Chief Justice (Sir A. T. Lawrence) in the Law Courts when summing up in the action for damages for label brought by Capt. Herbert John Buckmaster, late of the Household Cavalry, and husband of Miss Gladys Cooper, the actress. The defendant was Mr. Arthur Wimperis, author of the revue "Just Fanny," which was produced at the Vaudeville Theatre, London, last summer, and Capt. Buckmaster alleged that he had been libelled in a letter Mr. Wimperis wrote to Capt. Buckmaster's solicitors.

Capt. Buckmaster's case was that in "Just Fanny" there appeared the following sentence, spoken by a character named Col. Drake to another character:

"At the club last night that cad Buckmaster mentioned my wife's name in connection with yours."

He objected to the similarity of the name "Buckmaster" to his own, and his solicitors wrote to Mr. Wimperis requesting that the name should be altered. Mr. Wimperis replied through his secretary, who signed the letter:

Mr. Wimperis is very sorry that the inclusion of the word "cad" should have led your client and others to think he must be the person referred to.

By that letter Capt. Buckmaster alleged he had been libelled because the innuendo was when coupled with the reference to the "cad Buckmaster" in the play—that he was a person of low character.

The defence was that the words did not refer to Capt. Buckmaster and were in no way defamatory.

DIFFERENCES WITH WIFE.

Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Capt. Buckmaster, said his client was well known in club circles, for, besides being a member of the Guards and Marlborough Clubs, he founded a club in Clarendon Street, Piccadilly. He was also well known in theatrical circles because he was the husband of Miss Gladys Cooper. To show the nature of the conduct of which Mr. Wimperis was guilty, Mr. Hastings said he would have to go into the private affairs of Capt. Buckmaster and his wife. They had had a serious disagreement during their married life about Miss Cooper's friendship with another woman who was a friend of Mr. Wimperis. Mr. and Mrs. Buckmaster became temporarily estranged, and that fact became known in the theatrical world.

Just about that time Mr. Wimperis wrote and produced "Just Fanny." In one of the scenes, of a domestic nature, differences between husband and wife were enacted in an up-to-date way (laughter)—and it looked as if Mr. Wimperis had tried to vent his feeling of animosity towards Capt. Buckmaster without running much risk of an action for libel.

Mr. Hastings, after reading the words in the scene, said Capt. Buckmaster attended a performance and caused a letter to be written asking Mr. Wimperis to alter the name "Buckmaster." Afterwards the following letter was sent to his solicitors:

In reply to your letter Mr. Wimperis has given instructions for the substitution of the name Beckenham for Buckmaster.

Then followed the words complained of as libellous. In so many words, said counsel, the reply amounted to: "If the cap fits wear it." If Mr. Wimperis had altered the name and said he had no intention that the name "Buckmaster" should refer to Captain Buckmaster it would have ended the matter.

CAPT. BUCKMASTER'S EVIDENCE.

Capt. Buckmaster, in evidence, said he had never to his knowledge met Mr. Wimperis. He had some differences with his wife, Miss Gladys Cooper, because he objected to her friendship with a woman well known in the theatrical world.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vachell, K.C., for Mr. Wimperis, Captain Buckmaster said that because of the libellous remark in the play he presumed Mr. Wimperis disliked him.

Can you offer any reason why he should publicly put this slight offence upon you?—There must have been the motive of the woman, who was a friend of his, and who was the

subject of the trouble between my wife and myself.

Had Mr. Wimperis anything to do with the confidences of your family?—Not on my side at any rate.

Would you be surprised to hear that he never heard until to-day of the differences between you and your wife?—I should be very surprised.

Mr. Vachell then read the passages in the revue which led up to the word "Buckmaster." He told the court that the colonel and a man friend, to test which of them the colonel's wife loved best, fired pistols into the carpet (there were no bullets, he said) and pretended to be dead, expecting the distracted wife to run in and fall on the body of one of them. Instead she called with joyful accents, to somebody outside: "Oh, Horace, Horace, our happiness has come sooner than we expected."

You did not think this to be a sneer upon your married life? asked Mr. Vachell.—I thought it was a sneer at me. The word "club" and the name "Buckmaster" made things worse. Capt. Buckmaster agreed that there were plenty of Buckmasters in the directory and had no doubt they belonged to clubs, but as the promoter of a club his name was more than usually associated with such things.

Captain Herbert Percy Chaplin, 10th Hussars, said he knew Captain Buckmaster and was so struck with the similarity of the name "Buckmaster" connected with the word "club" that he told Captain Buckmaster of it.

Mr. Wimperis then gave evidence, and said the word "cad" had been used by the actor instead of "swine" which appeared in the revue originally.

Mr. Vachell: They improved upon the author?—Yes.

Mr. Vachell: I have heard them do that with Shakespeare before now, (laughter).

Mr. Wimperis denied that he had Captain Buckmaster in mind when he wrote the scene. As to the letter complained of, it was written with the idea of getting a waste of time. "It would make an author's life intolerable," he added. "If he had to choose for his characters names that were not like somebody else's." The name "Buckmaster" came to his mind because of a place of that name in the Belvoir Hunt country.

BREEZE IN COURT.

Mr. Hastings, to prove malice, was putting questions in cross-examination when the Lord Chief Justice said he thought the questions were not necessary. "I shall not allow the time of the court to be wasted on such a squabble as this."

Mr. Hastings: This is the first time my cross-examination has ever been said to be waste of time. I shall ask no more questions.

Mr. Vachell told the jury that Captain Buckmaster had persisted in his action because Mr. Wimperis had refused to pay certain costs. At what a sacrifice had he done that! It had resulted in the publication to the whole world of the news of unhappiness that had existed between himself and his wife, whom they all respected and admired. Mr. Wimperis knew nothing of the mysterious woman referred to.

In summing up the Lord Chief Justice said to suggest that Captain Buckmaster had been referred to because the word "club" was used in connection with the name of "Buckmaster" was bringing egotism to such a degree as to be unreasonable. "I regard the letter written by Mr. Wimperis as offensive and silly," proceeded his lordship, "but it is not worth being made the subject matter of an action in the High Court, bringing the jury here to waste their time over discussions of this character. Every club is not a Bucks club and every Buckmaster is not a Captain Buckmaster, and the sooner he realizes that he is not so important a person as he seems to think he is the better for him and everybody else."

When the jury awarded Captain Buckmaster damages his lordship said he would have judgment for that sum and a similar amount in costs. As to costs, he was relying upon an old and well-established legal formula. There were in this case no real damages and no costs.

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